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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 31, 2009**

Applicant files this response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2009 having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 31, 2009. Please consider the amendments and remarks on the pages that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.